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NEW Easter Footwear Now on Display at Our Store

Correct styles from the leading shoe manufacturers.

A splendid variety to choose from, in shapes and patterns to suit everyone.

Novelty designs of all kinds as well as the more conservative ones.

Your Easter apparel will not be complete without a pair of KARSCH'S shoes. We offer you the largest and most varied stock to select from in Southeast Missouri.

Hundreds are profiting daily by our Reorganization Sale. Are YOU?

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FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

PROSPECTIVE "BIG FOUR" Have 60 Acres Oklahoma Mineral Land One Acre of which Computed to Yield \$1,500,000 in Ores

Benj. H. Marbury, J. C. Watson, Dr. John B. Graves and Taylor Smith, constituting the Missouri-Oklahoma Mining Company, returned from Miami, Oklahoma, last Friday evening, feeling like embryo millionaires. From what we can understand they have certainly developed a very rich lead and zinc mine.

These gentlemen have purchased 60 acres of land in the very center of that wonderfully rich lead and zinc field. They have bottomed fifteen churn drill holes, and each hole enters the lead at an average depth of 250 feet and goes out of zinc at an average depth of 310 feet, 10 feet being lead of an average assay of 5 per cent, and 40 feet being zinc of an average assay of 15 per cent.

From scientific computations of the two acres that have been thoroughly drilled, their consulting engineer and

superintendent assure them that they have an ore body of not less than one and a half million dollars (\$1,500,000) in value, and that from all indications as to surrounding properties and drill developments their property is worth several times that value. They have arranged to immediately sink three shafts and construct a mill.

Would you like to buy some stock in this company? Nothing doing. These gentlemen propose holding on to all the stock and developing the mines themselves. They have arranged all the preliminary work, and from present prospects it will not be long before they will be hauling the lead and "jack" out of the ground by tons. Well, success to them. Next to making millions ourselves we like to see somebody else making them, especially when they are home people and good friends.

From a Former County Man

The following letter is from Mark L. Creegan, who was once Sheriff of St. Francois county, and although he has been away a good many years, seems to have a warm spot in his heart for his old home county and her people:

St. Louis, Mo., April 9.
Mr. A. W. Bradshaw, Editor Farmington Times:

Dear Sir:—As St. Francois county is my old home I want to continue to keep up with the news there. I see the tag on my paper reads, "April 1, 1916," therefore you will find enclosed the price for twelve months more. I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but hope I will in the near future. Your paper appears to give the news, the same as when Mr. Theo. D. Fisher was editor.

I see by the announcements for the different offices before the Democratic primary that the candidates are all good men. If I were a voter there it would be hard picking for me to make my choice. But you have one candidate that I can speak out for, and that is the Hon. John L. Bradley. He is the true working man's friend, and I can safely say that the Unions of all trades will stand by him. I am saying naught against any of his opponents, but John L. Bradley is the man for the office and the strongest man we can nominate.

I see you have only one candidate for Representative, Mr. Moothart. He must be a good man or he would have

opposition. I also notice that you have assisting you in your work on The Times a man that has always worked hard for the Democratic party and has never asked for an office to my knowledge, and that is Mr. Theo. D. Fisher. I think it is about time he was rewarded for his good work.

The number of union carpenters leaving here for Flat River to put up buildings looks like Democratic prosperity. The medicine is good for all. It might act a little severe on Republicans, but they will get over it. I am interested very much in the Brightstone news items, as they are from my old home. I am an ex-Knob Lickite.

With best wishes of success to you, I am, most respectfully, yours,
M. L. CREEGAN,
476B Cote Brilliance.

Several New Ones

The following new subscribers have been added to The Times list the past week, which means that the reputation this paper is making for PUBLISHING THE NEWS continues to expand: Sam Larue of Elvins, Homer Mitchell of Leadwood, Sam Isenman of Farmington, Quincy Belnap of Bismarck, Marion Horn of Boone Terre, W. L. Dunn of Marble Hill, Judge Chas. Revell of Jefferson City, Mrs. R. D. Holland of Marion, Ill., John S. Gipson of Ironton, E. M. Bess of Fredericktown, Frank W. McAllister of Paris, Mo.

Those who have renewed are: T. B. Welch and P. A. Shaw of Farmington, J. E. Trask of Desloge, M. N.

Enormously Rich, Mining Properties

George Trauernicht, son of Albert Trauernicht, of this city, arrived Sunday for a visit of a week or two at his old home, and to undergo treatment for symptoms of appendicitis, from which he has recently been suffering more or less. He already feels greatly improved, and he and his parents are hopeful that an operation will not be necessary, at least not at this time. George has been connected with mining industries for the past ten years, and at present is bookkeeper for the Bilharz Mining Co., near Commerce, Okla.

The many friends in this community of O. M. Bilharz will be glad to know that he is the principal owner of one of the best and most extensive mining properties in the rich field recently opened up in the vicinity of Commerce. The Bilharz Mining Co. now has one mill running, and another in course of construction, and are taking out high grade zinc and lead as rapidly as it can be mined. Mr. Bilharz was for a number of years superintendent of the Doe Run Mining Co. in this county, where he still has a host of friends. He is recognized as one of the best mining engineers in one of the best mining engineers in the world, and while he was one of the highest priced men in the employ of the Doe Run Co., it was practically nothing in comparison with his present holdings in the Commerce field.

Murder or Suicide?

Last Monday the body of Nick Voscow, a Russian miner, was found about a half mile from Owl Creek bridge off the road leading from Desloge to Leadwood. The body was lying in a clump of cedar bushes, coat off and under the head, left hand under the body and right hand extended, three pistol shot wounds from a .38-caliber pistol in the breast—one near the heart—and a pistol lying beside the body.

A Mr. Butler passing that way saw about fifty yards off what looked like the form of a man lying on the ground, and going over to it found the dead body. As soon as he could he notified Coroner English, who summoned Prosecuting Attorney Davis and instituted an inquest over the body.

The inquest developed the fact that the body was that of Nick Voscow, a Russian miner. He had worked for the Desloge Lead Company up to about three months ago, when he layed off and went to St. Louis. A few weeks ago he returned to Desloge and stopped for awhile with a couple of cousins. On Sunday about three weeks ago he left there to look for work and they had not seen him since until his dead body was found, and no one could furnish any trace of his going and coming since he left his cousins' place three weeks before.

Voscow, who was about 29 years old, married last summer, and it seems that he and his wife did not get along very well; they quarrelled, and it is reported that she tried to commit suicide. The last heard of her was through some relatives of Voscow in St. Louis, who had not seen or heard from her for two months. It developed also at the inquest that Voscow had been very despondent.

The Coroner's jury returned an open verdict. Everything indicated suicide except the three shots in the breast, and there was some question as to whether Voscow could have shot himself three times, all of which shots penetrated the body. Also the tracks of a light wagon making an abrupt turn were found about one hundred yards from where the body lay, suggesting that it might probably have been hauled to where it was found.

Wallen of Bismarck, Hugh McGregor of Potosi, C. J. Stanton of Ste. Genevieve, G. G. Bolch of Cabool, M. L. Creegan of St. Louis.

Route Extended

Ora Turley, mail carrier on Route 2, informs The Times that his route has been extended, to take effect May 1st, next. The extension will be north from Bothe's corner, thence northeast to the old Thurman Post Office site, thence south to Harris' corner, where it will intersect with the original route. Such extension will be a great accommodation to a number of residents along such route.

Initial Meeting of New Council

At a meeting of the City Council, held Saturday afternoon in the City Hall, the newly elected members of the Board of Aldermen were sworn into office, after which the regular business of the meeting was taken up.

The Auditor's annual report was approved and ordered filed.

The Collector's annual report was approved and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer's annual report was approved and ordered filed.

Electric Light Bonds Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17, aggregating \$2,000, was by a vote ordered paid and cancelled. A warrant also was ordered drawn in payment of interest and outstanding Electric Light Bonds, amounting to \$462.50.

A. C. Boyd, who had just been re-elected City Collector, presented a new bond in the sum of \$3,000, which was approved.

M. C. Zimmer was elected President of the Board of Aldermen.

The following committees were appointed:

Auditing Committee—M. C. Spough and Guy Tullock.

Street and Alley Committee—Gus Schliesser, Barry Phillips, Richard Adams and John A. Coffman.

Light, Power and Water Committee—M. C. Zimmer, Guy Tullock, M. C. Spough and Barney Peltz.

Ordinance Committee—M. C. Zimmer, Richard Adams and Barry Phillips.

Board of Health—Entire Board.

City Physician—Dr. S. F. Weber.

Street Commissioner—L. W. Bloemeyer.

The resignation of Frank Highley as City Marshall was tendered, which was accepted, and Chas. Adams was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

Temptation Was Irresistible

Frank Malone stepped into Donaldson's Restaurant at Flat River last Monday and ordered a lunch. Mr. Donaldson carelessly laid down a small sack of money, about \$100, behind the counter, and shortly after stepped back into the kitchen for a moment. Malone, taking advantage of the brief absence of the proprietor, lifted the sack and made a hasty get-away. It was not for long, however, that he enjoyed his ill-gotten gain, for he was overtaken between Bismarck and Irondale by Constable Edmunds and John Fitzpatrick, taken in charge and brought back. All the money except a dollar or two was recovered. Deputy Sheriff Brown was notified, went over to Flat River and brought Malone to Farmington. He is now meditating in "durance vile" over the folly of yielding to temptation and swiping his neighbor's goods.

Beer Party

Deputy Sheriff Tom Brown, who has been particularly busy the past week, during the absence of Sheriff Williams, who is visiting in Texas, received a telephone message at 8:30 Tuesday evening, stating that a robbery had been committed about three miles northeast of Farmington, and that the victim and thieves were headed this way. Deputy Brown was awaiting them, with a reception committee, when they reached the city limits, and proceeded to arrest the entire bunch of seven, and took them to jail, where an examination was conducted, with the assistance of Prosecuting Attorney Davis.

The fact was developed that the party had been out to Cushman's beer house, just over the boundary line in Ste. Genevieve county, and were returning home when the alleged robbery occurred, six riding in a surrey and one horseback. Henry Wampler, who claimed he had been robbed of \$23, accused the negro driver and a white man with the crime, while the others were in different stages of unconsciousness, all pretty well "jagged".

The two parties accused were locked up for the night, while the others were permitted to continue to chase their "jag" homeward. Further investigation the next morning, however, failed to develop sufficient evidence to justify the holding of the parties accused, and they were turned loose. Public sentiment seems to be that no one should have as much money as \$23 being engaged in such a "pilgrimage."

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

To Be Moved to the Tetley Building— Business People Give Pledges for Current Expenses

At a meeting called last Saturday by some of those interested in the Public Library, the question of location was considered. Owing to the fact that there will be no supervision in the High School building, where the library is now housed, during the summer, the necessity to place it and the reading room in a more central part of the town faced them, and with it the question of raising money to carry out the idea.

This meeting was attended by representatives of the various educational, philanthropic, social and religious organizations, and \$55 was at once pledged. Of course this was only a starter, and a number of the women volunteered to make a house to house canvass to collect money and stir up an interest in the library. Mayor McKinney was seen by the Secretary of the Library, Mrs. M. P. Cayce, and with his broad insight into the needs of the town, he at once took a lively interest in the movement and started to work at once. He selected A. S. Davis of the Farmington Mercantile Company and Barney Peltz of Peltz's Book Store, to assist him in presenting the matter to the business people of the town, with the result that up to this time they have secured pledges to the amount of \$360. This money is to be used for current expenses. It will take considerably more than an annual pledge of this amount to secure the success of this laudable enterprise.

Those making pledges of monthly payments are M. P. Cayce, E. J. McKinney, W. M. Harlan, A. S. Davis, Barney Peltz, W. R. Lang, J. J. Roberts, L. H. Williams, Morris Bros., J. A. Knowles, J. Clyde Akers, Mell &

Phillips, A. C. Boyd, L. O. Wells, W. N. Fleming, City Drug Store, A. F. Davis & Son, E. M. Lankman, Tetley Jewelry Co., Fischer Merc. Co., J. M. Karsch Shoe Co., Klein Grocer Co., J. P. Cayce, Dr. J. B. Graves, Clyde Morsey, Dr. O. A. Smith, James J. Croke, C. W. Francisco, Denby Sisters, Mrs. S. C. Watts, O. J. Mayberry, K. C. Weber and E. C. Barroll. There are others who have not yet been seen who will fall into line. The Times will publish from time to time the names of those who subscribe as they are furnished by the soliciting committees.

It would really take about \$700 or \$800 a year to pay the rent of a suitable room, a janitor and a librarian, for the room should be kept open at all times as a reading and rest room. The City Council has generously agreed to furnish the water and lights free. It would easily be worth the price, and there ought not to be any trouble to raise that amount. The Library will have to get along with less if that amount cannot be raised, but we believe it can. Those interested in the Library project, which will be of great and lasting benefit to the community, are much encouraged over the interest taken and the progress made.

A first-floor room in the Tetley building—an ideal place for the Library—has been optioned, and will doubtless be taken for the purpose. Farmington should be on the list of libraries in the State. All that is needed to place it in that list is the full co-operation of its people—a long pull, a strong pull and a pull together. We have confidence enough in their pluck to say they will do it.

County Court Proceedings

Court adjourned on Thursday of last week, and the latter part of the week and the first of this, was occupied on Board of Equalization work. Convened again on Wednesday of this week, and the following business was transacted:

J. F. Hicks paid off school fund loan and satisfaction was ordered entered upon margin of record.

N. C. Sebastian was loaned \$1,400 of the County School Fund, giving required bond and security.

E. B. Shelley made settlement as supervisor of expenditure of subscription and appropriation for improvement of Bonne Terre and Jay-dee road.

David A. Moon was loaned \$940 of county school fund, school townships Nos. 11 and 21, giving required real estate security and bond.

Collector instructed to return as erroneous assessments of Sam Larue, curator of Lilly Shrewberry for years 1915 and 1916, reduced from \$725 to \$225; of Willard Wigger, he being assessed in Ste. Genevieve county; of Wm. Rawson, reduced from \$275 to \$25; of Frank Thurman, assessment fixed at \$600 on 62.20 acres.

The court took a recess and in company with Highway Engineer Francisco, made a tour of inspection of roads and bridges, inspecting Jackson and St. Mary's road, Flat River and Deolgo to George Ford bridge, and Flat River and Loughboro via Elvins.

Harry Tucker and H. E. Leverenz, constituting the firm of Tucker & Leverenz, were granted permission to place, erect, construct and maintain through, upon, under and across the public highways, streets and alleys in and adjacent to the unincorporated towns, cities and villages of Flat River, Deolgo, Esther, Cantwell, St. Francois, and on the public roads connecting said towns, and on the roads leading to the incorporated town of Elvins, the necessary poles, conductors, mains, conduits, wires, cables, pipes and other apparatus, including necessary cross arms and fixtures for the furnishing of light, power, and heat in such localities, the same to comply with Section 10515 of the Revised Statutes, for the year 1909.

Warrants Issued

To road overseers for road district funds as follows: T. H. Weddle, \$57.46; J. H. Shaner, \$1130.30; H. P. Gere, \$1092.04; Geo. Manning, \$74-

90; Harry Strong, \$1724.90; M. W. Jones, \$48.02; L. E. Cole, 42.05; J. D. Huff, \$18.46; Wm. Rosenstengle, \$336.83; Wm. Dugal, \$61.38; J. S. West, \$230.35; D. P. Marks, \$2154.73; L. W. Merritt, \$831.44; Joe Perry, \$80.66; S. A. Sykes, \$46.31; E. B. Shelley, \$37.83; F. H. Mullen, \$61.93; E. D. Hall, \$39.26; J. S. Jarnagin, \$109.79; B. G. Porter, \$76.81; J. W. Hopkins, \$89.93; Frank Bieser, \$107.89; F. M. Riggs, \$86.58; A. J. Kenon, \$86.66; R. V. Sumpter, \$620.47; Drs. Weber and Eugas, medical examination H. W. Wallace, \$5; State Hospital No. 4, care Wallace, \$78; Peltz's Book Store, stationery for Highway Engineer and Prosecuting Attorney, \$13.25; J. S. Wood, moving and storing ballot boxes, \$1; Lead Belt News, justice blanks, \$23.45; City Drug Store, jail supplies, \$6.40; A. C. Boyd, Court House supplies, \$1.60; Farmington Times Printing Co., stationery for public schools, \$4; Farmington Telephone Co., service, \$30.54; Standard Printing Co., stationery for Recorder and County Clerk, \$38.16; W. T. Halle, Treasurer, services school funds, \$28.33; Mt. Vernon Sanatorium, support county patients, \$21.72; Vernon Doss, services as night watchman, \$2; Klein Grocer Co., court house and jail supplies, \$1.30; Buxton & Skinner, warrant register for County Clerk's office, \$17.52; W. T. Halle, stamps, \$4.85; Mell & Phillips, Inf. supplies, \$20.99; W. H. Rotger, Inf. supplies, \$2.50; A. Neidert & Son, funeral W. J. Thompson, \$10.20; Klein Grocer Co., Inf. supplies, \$10.45; City Drug Store, Inf. supplies, \$4.90; H. S. Knauss, corn for Inf., \$40; C. W. Francisco, road improvement \$4,000; Standard Supply Co., stationery, \$2.85; T. N. Henderson, Inf. supplies, \$11.80; Tetley-Klein Lumber Co., Inf. supplies, \$27.52; R. C. Pigg, conveying H. W. Wallace, \$4; W. R. Bruce, support of Geo. Bray, \$5.20; Jacob Heiber, Inf. supplies, \$5.55; Sam Thompson, quarantine service, \$13.50; Drs. Keith and Topping, examination of Duncan infant, \$10; Bell Oil Co., court house supplies, \$2.50; St. Louis Bindery Co., supplies for Sheriff's office, \$16.75; Jacob Heiber, court house supplies, \$4.

Court was engaged all day on the new assessment books, and will wind up the business of the present session today.

You should not fail to patronize the Fancy Work and Bake Sale, to be held in the Pipkin building on Saturday, April 22, by the ladies of the Christian Church.